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*Links in a Chain
of Peace"*

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THE UNITED NATIONS FOOD AGRICULTURAL ORGANIZATION COIN PLAN 1968-1970

Many countries throughout the world have joined the United Nations in issuing coins with a theme featuring food and agriculture to combat hunger. These coins are available by subscription to the FAO Coin Album, made available in a strictly limited edition of only 20,000 albums.

THE ANA JOINS THE FAO COIN PLAN THEME


The ANA's Coin Week Committee and the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations (FAO) have announced that the two groups will work together in sharing the common theme "Coins-Link in Chain of Peace". The ANA announced that National Coin Week observance April 20 through 26, 1969 will use the FAO coin theme. This year's National Coin Week will be unique in that it is the first time the ANA has joined with a non-numismatic group in selecting a joint theme.

RAPID SELLOUT IS EXPECTED

The issue of FAO Coin Albums is strictly limited to 20,000 albums. Compare this with the over three million 1969 U.S. Proof Sets which were sold out in six days and it is really understandable to expect a rapid sellout on the FAO Coin Albums. If you want to be one of the participants in this program send in your order immediately.

FAO COIN ALBUM (2 pages) \$30.00 each.

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	FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS	FAO COIN PLAN 1968-1970
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On November 18, 1966, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, (FAO), suggested to world governments a new and promising method of increasing public interest in the problems of world food and agricultural development. FAO proposed a series of national coins illustrating the theme of international hunger and underdevelopment. During the past year more than 20 governments have decided to bring out such coins, while an additional 60 have the proposal in different stages of consideration.

Since the inscription of international themes on national coins is unprecedented, participation by respective countries in the FAO Coin Plan makes available a completely new issue of coins.

Solutions for the problems of hunger and underdevelopment will need a concerted effort of international cooperation lasting at least several decades. Because of the enormity of the task, it was necessary to find novel and lasting means of public education, in particular in rural populations in the developing countries, and for the prosperous sections of the public in advanced countries. The FAO Coin Plan is an endeavor to fulfill these educational aims to an outstanding degree. The plan offers to the collector a unique series as well as an individual opportunity to contribute to the solutions of these problems. Proceeds from the FAO Coin Plan will be used for national and international food development purposes.

Each participating country will issue various quantities of their food plan coins. Each has allocated 20,000 coins to the United Nations FAO Coin Album. Therefore, there will be only 20,000 FAO albums available to the entire world.

The FAO Coin Album includes two pages with new issue coins from eleven different countries at the issue price of \$30.00 each. The album is designed to include additional pages from other countries as they become available. Additional pages will be available only to the original subscribers to the FAO Coin Album.

The United Nations FAO has appointed Paramount International Coin Corporation as exclusive agent for distribution in North America. Paramount has an allocation which is limited to only 18,000 coin albums and this is not sufficient to deliver one coin album for each of its own customers! A very rapid sellout is expected. Therefore, if you want to participate in this program, send in your order today!

We are sure most collectors will enthusiastically participate in this program as it is such a worthy cause. Results from this program will have lasting effects on the underdeveloped countries for many years to come.

It is indeed an honor and privilege to join the United Nations FAO and the ANA National Coin Week in presenting this theme to numismatics.

The following pages describe the coins that will be in the original FAO Coin Album issue.

Details of National Coin Issue

Denomination: 2 tari (80 Italian lire - 13 US cents)

Weight: 10 grammes

Diameter: 33 mm

Thickness: 1.6 mm

Metal: Bronze

Edge: Milled

Quantity (Proof issue only): 20,000 - 40,000

Date of issue: May 1968

Design: (a) **Obverse:** Maltese cross over clasped hands

(b) **Reverse:** Globe surrounded by ears of wheat

Inscription: (a) **Obverse:** Sovereign Military Order of Malta, Proof 2 tari (in Italian)

(b) **Reverse:** Let there be bread (FAO's motto in Latin) F.A.O. 1968

Designer/Engraver: Pietro Giampaoli, the Latin initials of whose surname, JP, appear on the reverse of the coin

Mint: Order of Malta Mint, Rome, whose mintmark, a small Maltese cross with the letters SMOM, appears on the coin



Denomination: 3 scudi (1,440 Italian lire - US \$2.30)

Weight: 10 grammes

Diameter: 33 mm

Thickness: 1.4 mm

Metal: silver (800 fine)

Edge: milled

Quantity (Proof issue only): 20,000 - 40,000

Date of issue: May 1968

Design: (a) **Obverse:** Crowned arms of His Highness F. Angelus de Mojono (Grand Master of the order)

(b) **Reverse:** St. John the Baptist (Patron of the Order) preaching to the crowds, holding the standard of the Order in his left hand, with lamb at his feet

Inscription: (a) **Obverse:** F. Angelus de Mojono M.M.H.H. 1968

(b) **Reverse:** FAO, Year 1968, War on Hunger, 3 scudi, Proof, in Italian; "The man with two coats must share with him who has none, and anyone who has food must do the same" (in Latin) from St. John the Baptist's preaching to the crowds, Luke 3, 11.



Notes: 1968 marks the seventh consecutive year in which the Order of Malta has resumed issuing coins. The modern coins are issued only in proof form, and the proceeds are used for the Order's medical and social work, including food distribution, in many countries.

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VATICAN

Details of National Coin Issue



Denomination	Equivalent in US cents	Weight in grammes	Diameter mm	Thickness mm	Metal	Edge	Quantity
1 lira	0.16	0.625	17.2	1.2	aluminum	plain	100,000
2 lire	0.32	0.8	18.3	1.4	"	milled	100,000
5 "	0.80	1.0	20.2	1.5	"	plain	100,000
10 "	1.61	1.6	23.3	1.6	"	"	110,000
20 "	3.21	3.6	21.3	1.6	bronze	milled	105,000
50 "	8.02	6.25	24.8	2.0	chrome- steel	"	190,000
100 "	16.05	8.0	27.8	2.0	steel	"	315,000
500 "	80.26	11.0	29.0	2.0	silver(835)	relief	110,000

Date of issue: 16 October 1968 (FAO anniversary)

Quantity: Under the 1962 monetary convention with Italy, the Vatican has placed a limit of 100 million lire (\$160,000) on the value of coins issued annually.

Design: (a) **Obverse:**

- 1, 10, 100, 500 lire: His Holiness Paul VI, facing left
- 2, 5, 20, 50 lire: His Holiness Paul VI, facing right

(b) **Reverse:**

- 1, 20, 500 lire: Wheat in the form of a cross
- 2, 10, 100 lire: Feeding of the Five Thousand
- 5, 50 lire: Our Lady of the Harvest

Inscription: (a) **Obverse:** Paul VI, Supreme Pontiff, Year 6 (of reign), in Latin.

(b) **Reverse:** Vatican City, and denomination in Italian.

(c) **Edge:** (of 500 lire coin): In the name of the Lord, in Latin.

Designer: Professor Giuseppe Pirrone

Engraver: Guerrino Mattia Monassi

Mint: Italian State Mint, Rome.

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BURUNDI

Details of National Coin Issue



Denomination: 10 francs (11 US cents)

Weight: 8 grammes

Diameter: 28 mm

Thickness: 1.8 mm

Metal: cupronickel

Edge: milled

Quantity: 2,000,000

Date of issue: August 1968

Design: Bananas, heads of maize and ears of corn

Inscription: (a) **Obverse:** Bank of the Republic of Burundi: Unity, Work, Progress: 1968 in Kirundi and French

(b) **Reverse:** 10 F



Designer: Bank of the Republic

Engraver: Stuart Devlin

Mint: Royal Mint, London

Notes: Coin represents new high denomination; period of legal tender indefinite; possibility of re-issue in 1969.

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NEPAL

Details of National Coin Issue

Denomination: 10 rupees (99 US cents)

Weight: 15.5 grammes

Diameter: 32 mm

Thickness: 2.1 mm

Metal: silver (600 fine)

Edge: milled

Quantity: 1,000,000 of which about 900,000 to be sold in special packaging

Date of issue: 16 October 1968 (FAO anniversary)

Design: (a) **Obverse:** Profile of King, wearing national dress and crown
(b) **Reverse:** Ear of wheat, Cogwheel, Temple and Trident

Inscription: (a) **Obverse:** H. M. King Mahendra Bir Bikram Shahder, Nepal 2025, in Nepali

(b) **Reverse:** Food for all, Rs 10, in Nepali and English; 1968, Nepal, in English

Designer: Keshab Lal Chitrakar

Engraver: Gopal Bahadur Shrestha

Mint: Katmandu

Notes: The coin underlines recent efforts in Nepal to focus attention on food and agricultural production which has been given a high priority in the Third Plan (1966-70). It is primarily commemorative and represents a new high denomination. Seignorage will be used for food and agricultural development.



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VIETNAM

Details of National Coin Issue



Denomination: 20 piastres (17 US cents)

Weight: 9 grammes

Diameter: 30 mm

Thickness: 1.9 mm

Metal: nickel-clad steel

Edge: smooth

Shape: 12 sided

Quantity issued for general circulation: 500,000

Date of issue: 16 October 1968 (FAO anniversary)

Design: (a) **Obverse:** Farmgirl harvesting rice

(b) **Reverse:** Two ears of rice paddy

Inscription: (a) **Obverse:** World Campaign against Hunger, in Vietnamese

(b) **Reverse:** Republic of Vietnam, 20 piastres, in Vietnamese

Designer: Lu'u Tri

Engraver: Klaus Luckey

Mint: Hamburg, Germany



Notes: These coins, which represent a new high denomination for Vietnam, are authorized by ordinance No. 48 of 31 December 1954 on the National Bank of Vietnam, amended and supplemented by decree-law No. 020/SLU of 3 September 1966. The coins form part of a 15 million 20 piastre issue, all with the rice-harvester design, but with "National Bank of Vietnam" in place of the FAO-inspired text on the coin obverse.

The coins support an energetic programme to increase rice production, made necessary by war, which has changed Vietnam from a rice-exporting to a rice-importing country, and also jeopardized the food supply of the urban population and of certain zones of Central Vietnam.

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LEBANON

Details of National Coin Issue

Denomination: 1 pound (32 US cents)

Weight: 9.5 grammes

Diameter: 28 mm

Thickness: 1.7 mm

Metal: nickel

Edge: milled

Quantity: 300,000

Date of issue: 7 October 1968, opening day of 1st Session of FAO Regional Commission on Horticultural Production in the Near East and North Africa.

Design: (a) **Obverse:** Cedar of Lebanon

(b) **Reverse:** A bunch of grapes, two oranges and an apple (three of Lebanon's main horticultural products)

Inscription: (a) **Obverse:** Bank of Lebanon and date, in Arabic and French

(b) **Reverse:** 1 pound, in Arabic and French

Designer: Paul Koroleff

Engraver: Harry Markwardt and Hans Kratz, Toronto

Mint: Sherritt Mint, Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta, Canada



Notes: Coin authorized by decree — law 16 of 27 July 1967, which states that the coins shall be legal tender for three years after the date of issue, and authorizes the use of coin proceeds for one or more projects in food or agriculture.

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UGANDA

Details of National Coin Issue



Denomination: 5 shillings (70 US cents)

Weight: 28 grammes

Diameter: 38 mm

Thickness: 3 mm

Metal: cupronickel

Edge: milled

General issue: 100,000

Proof issue: 5,000

Date of issue: 16 October 1968 (FAO anniversary)

Design: (a) **Obverse:** Uganda coat of arms

(b) **Reverse:** Ankole cow suckling her young

Inscription: (a) **Obverse:** Bank of Uganda, Five Shillings

(b) **Reverse:** Produce more food-FAO Coin Plan 16 October 1968



Designer: Bank of Uganda

Engraver: Paul Vincze

Mint: Royal Mint, London

Notes: Coin underlines drive for increased livestock production in Uganda. It represents new high denomination and is authorized under the Bank of Uganda Act 1966.

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CEYLON

Details of National Coin Issue

Denomination: 2 rupees (34 US cents)

Weight: 12.3 grammes

Diameter: 31.5 mm

Thickness: 2 mm

Metal: cupronickel

Edge: milled with beads

Quantity: 500,000

Date of issue: 16 October 1968 (FAO anniversary)

Design: At centre, reproduction of a statue traditionally believed to be that of the Buddhist King Parakrama Bahu the Great, who some 800 years ago built up Ceylon's famous irrigation system, which the Government is now reconstructing; on each side, ears of paddy; and at bottom, a paddy basket.

Inscription: (a) **Obverse:** "Grow more Food" in Sinhala, Tamil and English

(b) **Reverse:** "Ceylon" and "Two Rupees" in the same three languages

Designer: Mr. S. Doraisamy

Engraver: William Gardner

Mint: Royal Mint, London



Notes: Coin underlines national efforts to achieve self-sufficiency in rice by early 1970's. It is first two rupee piece issued in Ceylon, and is authorized under Monetary Law Act No. 58 of 1949

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Details of National Coin Issue



Denomination: 25 piastres (72 US cents)

Weight: 15.5 grammes **Diameter:** 32 mm **Thickness:** 2.1 mm

Metal: cupronickel **Edge:** milled

Quantity: approx. 20,000 proof

Date of issue: 1968

Design: (a) **Obverse:** Flying postman

(b) **Reverse:** Cotton plant

Inscription: (a) **Obverse:** Let us work together toward providing food for all, 1968-1388, in Arabic; and FAO

(b) **Reverse:** Republic of Sudan, 25 piastres, in Arabic

Designer: Bank of Sudan

Engraver: Sayed Mohamed Ismail Ali

Mint: Khartoum

Notes: Coin represents new high value for Sudan. It is a commemorative, and has been issued primarily for sale in the FAO coin albums, to create funds for food and agricultural development.



SUDAN

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Details of National Coin Issue

Denomination: 1 peso boliviano (8 US cents)

Weight: 6 grammes **Diameter:** 27 mm **Thickness:** 1.55 mm

Metal: nickel-clad steel **Edge:** milled

Quantity: 25,000-40,000

Date of issue: 16 October (FAO anniversary)

Design: Coat of arms on which appears a sheaf of wheat, symbolic of agriculture.

Inscription: (a) **Obverse:** Republic of Bolivia, in Spanish

(b) **Reverse:** War against Hunger, 16-10-68 (FAO anniversary), one peso boliviano, in Spanish

Designer: Central Bank of Bolivia

Engraver: Wolfgang Dohm, Stuttgart

Mint: Germany

Coin Contractor: Vereinigte Deutsche Metallwerke A.G. Altena, Germany.

Notes: FAO-inspired coins are supplementary to a 10 million one-peso issue, representing new high denomination coin in Bolivia. The special issue of FAO-inspired coins is authorized by Decree 08444 of 16 August 1968, modifying Decree 08159 of 28 November 1967. The FAO coins differ from the ordinary issue inasmuch "War against Hunger 16-10-68" replaces "1968" and the two coffee sprigs at the base of the design on the coin reverse. Proceeds from FAO coin sales will be used for food and agricultural development.



BOLIVIA

Details of National Coin Issue



Denomination: 1 pound (24 US cents)

Weight: 7.5 grammes

Diameter: 27 mm

Thickness: 1.5 mm

Metal: nickel

Date of issue: November 1968

Quantity: 500,000

Design: (a) Obverse: National emblem

(b) Reverse: Pair of hands holding Campaign Against Hunger sign, out of which are growing five ears of wheat

Inscription: (a) Obverse: Syrian Arab Republic, in Arabic

(b) Reverse: 1968 Syrian Arab Republic 1388 — Campaign against Hunger — One pound, in Arabic



Designer: Khalid Assali

Engraver: Edwin Becker

Mint: Sherritt Mint, Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta, Canada

Notes: The coin, which is primarily a current one, represents a new high denomination. It is authorized by Government decree No. 271 of 27 April 1968. Seignorage proceeds will be used for an agricultural development project.



The following countries have announced their intentions to join the FAO Coin Plan:

Iran

Brazil

Tunisia

Cyprus

Philippines

Iceland

India

Iraq

Italy

Pakistan

Jordan

Spain

Rwanda

Turkey

Other countries are in various stages of consideration.

FAO Awards Exclusive Coin Contract To PIC

Paramount International Coin Corp., Englewood, Ohio, has been named exclusive distributor for the U.S., Canada and Mexico, of the coins and albums issued by the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization in support of the International Freedom from Hunger campaign, according to an announcement by Michael V. DiSalle, Paramount's board chairman, in Washington.

The contract was signed by Dr. Egon Giesinger for FAO, who arrived in the United States from Rome on February 7 in order to complete the negotiations, which DiSalle said had been under way "over a period of months."

The coins and albums will go on sale shortly after March 1, the Paramount executive reported. The Paramount issue is limited to approximately 18,000 which will be offered on a first-come, first-serve basis. Additional pages for the album will be issued to subscribers regularly over a period covering the next two years.

The initial issue of the deep red-colored album contains two album pages in which 19 coins are mounted. The price of the album with the first two pages of coins will be \$30.

Included in the first two pages are eight commemorative coins of the Vatican City; two from the Sovereign Military Order of Malta, and one each from Viet Nam, Burundi, Nepal, Lebanon, Uganda, Sudan, Bolivia, Ceylon and Syria.

Three of the coins in this first issue are of silver: Nepal 10 rupees, Malta three scudi and Vatican City 500 lire.

Official mintage information and other details for coins on each album page are provided on descriptive pages furnished with each issue. Mints and mintages of the coins issued so far are as follows:

Burundi cupronickel 10 francs, struck at the Royal Mint, in a quantity of 2,000,000; Nepal silver 10 rupees, struck at Kathmandu Mint, 1,000,000.

Lebanon pure nickel one pound (livre,) is a product of the Sherritt Mint, Fort Saskatchewan, Canada; 300,000 pieces were struck. The Uganda cupronickel

five shillings was struck at the Royal Mint, with 100,000 pieces being struck for circulation and 5,000 Proof coins. Only the circulation copies are packaged in the FAO albums.

Approximately 20,000 polished specimens of Sudan's cupronickel 25 piastres were struck at the Khartoum Mint, making it the smallest issue of any released so far. Bolivia's nickel-clad one-peso boliviano was struck at the Hamburg Mint in Germany, in an issue of 25,000 to 40,000.

Ceylon's cupronickel two rupees was struck at the Royal Mint in an issue of 500,000, and the pure nickel Syrian one pound is another Sherritt Mint

product, with 500,000 being struck.

The Order of Malta's bronze two tari was struck at the Order's Mint in Rome in a quantity of between 20,000 and 40,000 Proofs. The Order's three-scudi silver coin also is a product of its own Mint, with 20,000 to 40,000 Proof copies being struck.

Viet Nam's nickel-clad steel 20-dong coin was struck at the Hamburg Mint, with 500,000 copies being delivered.

No mintage information was provided for the eight Vatican City coins in the album. They include the silver 500 lire, chrome-steel 100 and 50 lire, bronze 20 lire, and aluminum 10, five, two and one lire.



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